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SUBJECT: UNCTAD JUTE CONSULTATIONS.

SUMMARY: USG IS NOW PREPARING POSITION FOR EXPERT-LEVEL MEETING OF UNCTAD PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON JUTE, SCHEDULED JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 4 IN GENEVA. WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPRECIATE POST REPORTING ON HOST COUNTRY POSITIONS AND ELEMENTS OF HOST COUNTRY POLICY TOWARD JUTE IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN U.S. PREPARATION FOR MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FINAL DECISION OF THE FIRST UNCTAD PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS ON JUTE (OCTOBER 24-28) CALLED FOR AN EXPERTS-LEVEL MEETING TO EXAMINE THE PROBLEMS OF INTER-

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NATIONAL TRADE IN JUTE AND TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS. MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 4 IN GENEVA.

2. USG CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT JUTES PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS ARE CAUSED BY DECLINING SIZE OF MARKET FOR JUTE PRODUCTS, DUE TO COMPETITION FROM SYNTHETICS, AND A NEED FOR APP-ROPRIATE PRODUCING COUNTRY POLICIES TO ENCOURAGE RATIONALIZATION AND INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY IN JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCT PRODUCTION. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE DOUBTS

THAT A INTERNATIONAL BUFFER STOCK FOR EITHER RAW JUTE OR JUTE PRODUCTS IS AN APPROPRIATE TOOL FOR ADDRESSING THESE PROBLEMS.

3. IN ORDER TO DEVELOP USG POSITION FOR UPCOMING MEETING, WE WILL NEED INFORMATION BOTH ON LIKELY PRODUCING COUNTRY POSITIONS IN MEETING AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, AN OVERALL, LONG-TERM PRODUCING COUNTRY POLICY ON JUTE. IN THIS REGARD, POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT TO DEPT ASAP ON FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF HOST GOVERNMENT JUTE POLICY.

A) WHAT IS ROLE OF JUTE IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS? DOES HOST COUNTRY ANTICIPATE MAJOR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SECTOR EXPENDITURES WITHIN NEXT TEN YEARS TO INCREASE OR IMPROVE JUTE/JUTE PRODUCT PRODUCTION? WHAT PRIORITY DOES HOST GOVERNMENT PLACE ON JUTE AS A RECIPIENT OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

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B) WHAT IS HOST GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARD REGULATING JUTE PRODUCTION? WHAT MEASURES ARE USED TO CARRY OUT THESE POLICIES, AND HOW EFFECTIVE HAVE THEY BEEN? (ITEMS OF INTEREST INCLUDE CREDIT POLICY, LEVEL OF PRICE SUPPORTS, RELATION OF JUTE TO RICE PRICES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCERS).

C) WHAT IS STATUS OF HOST COUNTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-MENT ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCT PRODUCTION? HOW DO HOST COUNTRY PLANS IN THIS AREA RELATE TO PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR JUTE INTERNATIONAL?

4. DEPT NOTES THAT ELEMENT OF ABOVE TOPICS HAVE BEEN COVERED IN PREVIOUS REPORTING. POSTS SHOULD NOTE AP-PROPRIATE REFERENCES WHICH ARE STILL VALID, AND REPORT ADDITIONAL OR UPDATED INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE.
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